

Meeting was called to order at 1500 hours by Bob Jones, the Advisory Board Chair. The following individuals were in attendance:

Bob Jones, Chair
Frank Maughan
Jeremy Taylor
Fasi Filiaga
Bob Ramos
Judy Lemmons
Dennis Howland
Art Keeley, Resident Representative
Terry Schow, Executive Director, Utah Department of Veterans Affairs
Kim Wixon, State Officer, Staff to the Advisory Board
Kelly Snowball, Nursing Home Administrator, Avalon

Dennis McFall, Susan Thornock, James Kopecky and Norm Nelson were excused.

Welcome and Introduction

Bob Jones welcomed everyone to the Advisory Board Meeting at 1505 hours.

State Officer Report:

Kim discussed the VA Survey results. The survey began on a Tuesday which was unusual. The life safety area surveyor was the same as last year, however he found two major problems. Both problems have been solved. The life safety, nursing, environmental, dietary and activities areas had no deficiencies. The administration area has two pending results, we are awaiting Josh Brown's decision.

Kim briefed on seven projects currently in process at the OVH.

1. The display area remodel is complete except the lighting. The lighting project will begin next Monday.
2. There has been the suggestion that a kiosk be installed that will allow visitors to use a touch screen to start a recording on different events/stories concerning the OVH. Kim has a meeting scheduled for Friday with a provider to discuss options.
3. The Honor Wall is moving forward. The bid has been awarded. A final check of the names will be conducted and then the project will be built.
4. A member of the WSU engineering class has volunteered to be in charge of building the gazebo. There will also be an Eagle scout project to provide picnic tables in the courtyard. Another project will place park benches in the Memory Grove area.
5. Security cameras are complete. There are 59 separate cameras. The recordings can be accessed by Kim Wixon, Terry Schow, Dennis McFall (pending), Kelly Snowball and Dustin Gardner (Avalon Maintenance). Parking lots, kitchen areas, multipurpose room and other exits that were not previously covered are now covered by the new system.
6. Aquarium purchases are being pursued by the Avalon procurement process.
7. Kim briefed the security of the Bullpen as an evolving project. UCI has the project, however they are greatly backlogged.
8. Last month the appearance of the wetlands was discussed. Kim contacted the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss what could be done to improve the area. The wetlands "Do not disturb" area is basically everything outside the fire road. Very little can be done without disturbing the natural habitat. More will follow.
9. Wahlquist Jr. High has done a great deal of service and support for the OVH that we should acknowledge their support. Judy L. recommended that a submission for a Pay Forward award be done and she volunteered to do the write up. Kim and Kelly had discussed the idea

of giving a VTT model and pizza party. The school will be moving in the intermediate future. A recommendation was made to consider buying things for the school (i.e. Smart Boards) and then donate the item rather than donating money. Judy Lemmons will investigate.

Avalon Report:

Kelly gave a briefing on the status of the nursing, budgetary and staffing. Data are available upon request.

Kelly briefed that a veteran from the memory care unit got out of the fenced area. The Veteran went up to the gate, unscrewed the bolts on the gate pins, lifted the gate, went out, put the gate back on the hinges and walked away. The gates has been secured with another set of pins and bolts in preclude this happening in the future.

Kelly also briefed on the new falls program that has been instituted in OVH. There have been assist devices installed on some mattresses and alarm pads have been removed. There has been a small improvement.

The OVH has also begun replacing mattresses in the building.

Kelly mentioned that we appreciate members of the Advisory Board coming to the home. Bob Ramos shared some concerns with Kelly and Kim yesterday and we were able to address them. Fasi complimented the staff.

Art Keeley brought up a problem with a CNA not answering a call light quickly. Kelly will check into the problem with Art.

Old Business.

Terry asked if the WiFi was working well. Adm. Taylor said that the problem was fixed.

New Business.

Convex mirrors are in the process of being ordered and installed.

A motion was passed to investigate the possibility of producing a challenge coin for the Advisory Board. A good discussion was held on the value of having challenge coins. Admiral Taylor brought up the possibility of bolo tie or broaches. It was mentioned that for people not in a military environment, challenge coins are a good motivator.

Next Meeting: April 26, 2012 1500 hours.

Executive Committee Meeting

February minutes were approved.

Kim briefed the restricted, non-restricted and hold-back funds status. Last month, Kim challenged the Resident Council to find good uses for some of the funds they control. Art Keeley proposed the purchase of three new computers and printers, one for each of the communities for the residents to use. This is an excellent suggestion and should improve the life of the Veterans here.

The monies in the restricted account are being held for summer activities.

Van replacement is being reevaluated. More to follow next month.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Minutes of George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans' Home Advisory Board Meeting 3-22-12

Dennis Howland announced that a Vietnam Veterans program at the VFW at 1830 on Friday March 30. The dinner will focus on Spam and 100 ways to abuse spam.

A reminder was given to make sure everyone keeps voting for the Salt Lake Veterans Home in the Home Depot contest.

Terry announced the Veteran's Summit at the Salt Palace on March 30.

The meeting was adjourned at 1630.